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E.O. 11652: GDS:
TAGS: MOPS, LE
SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT FOR UNIFIL

1. DATT WAS CONTACTED BY IDF INTELLIGENCE, EXTERNAL
RELATIONS AND REQUESTED TO ATTEND A MEETING AT 111330Z
SEPT TO BE BRIEFED ON THE RESULTS OF A 101000Z SEPT
MEETING BETWEEN MAJORS HADDAD AND SHIDIAC, AN IDF
REPRESENTATIVE AND UNIFIL. THE FOLLOWING WERE REPORTEDLY
AGREED UPON BY THE PARTICIPANTS:

A. UNIFIL CAN ESTABLISH NEW DEPLOYMENTS AT THE FOLLOWING
LOCATIONS:

(1) A HOUSE IN MARJUYUN MANNED BY SIX MEN.

(2) A POSITION FOR 2 SQUADS (LESS THAN A PLATOON) IN
DAYR MIMAS AND NABI EL AWAYDI (PHON SP).

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(3) TWO BUILDINGS IN BANI HAYYAN AND ONE POSITION NEAR
THE VILLAGE THAT CAN BE OCCUPIED BY UP TO 2 SQUADS.

(4) ONE HOUSE IN TALLUS AND ONE POSITION NEAR BY THAT
CAN BE OCCUPIED BY UP TO 2 SQUADS.

(5) ONE POSITION WEST OF BLIDA AND A BUILDING TO BE IDENTIFIED IN THE VILLAGE OR VICINITY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES.
(6) ONE BUILDING IN MUHAYBIB FOR A PLATOON HEADQUARTERS FOR THIS AREA.

(7) ONE LIAISON OFFICE NORTH OF BINT JUBAYL TO BE OCCUPIED BY UP TO SIX PEOPLE.

B. UNIFIL WILL HAVE FREEDOM OF LOGISTIC MOVEMENT ON THE ROADS WHICH WILL BE SIGNED AND AGREED UPON FOR THIS PURPOSE.

C. UNIFIL IS ALLOWED TO PUT AN APC TO MUHAYBIB AREA IN ORDER TO MOVE ON DIRT ROADS.

D. THE MARJ UYUN - IBYL AS SAQI AXIS WILL BE OPEN TO LOGISTIC MOVEMENT. ON THE SAME TERMS AGREED UPON FOR THE ROAD DIBBIN TO AL BALAT.

E. THE MAJORS IN THE ENCLAVES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FULLFILLMENT OF THE AGREEMENT IN THEIR ZONES.

2. ACCORDING TO THE IDF BRIEFER, THE CONCLUSION OF THESE AGREEMENTS FULLFILL THE PROMISES MADE BY MOD WEIZMAN TO GEN SIILASVUO ON 30 AUGUST. HE INDICATED
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THAT UNIFIL HAD STARTED TO IMPLEMENT THESE AGREEMENTS BY TAKING NEW DEPLOYMENTS ON 10 SEPT AND HE ESTIMATED THE ACTIONS SHOULD BE FINALIZED TODAY (11 SEPT).

3. THE IDF BRIEFER COMMENTED THAT ALL THE ACTIONS OUTLINED ABOVE WERE OPEN TO UNIFIL AS OF 2 SEPTEMBER; AND IT APPEARED THAT UNIFIL HAD NOT MOVED BECAUSE IT WANTED TO RECEIVE MORE THAN WAS AGREED UPON. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE "MAJORS" WERE NOT HAPPY WITH THESE AGREEMENTS. AS A FINAL NOTE HE STATED THAT THE IDF WOULD CONTINUE TO OFFER ITS GOOD SERVICES TO HELP BOTH SIDES, BUT THAT THIS CHAPTER OF THE BOOK WAS FINISHED. VIETS

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